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45 Colborne Street  
Elora, ON  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Please take notice that, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the property listed below as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29).

**45 Colborne Street  
Elora, Ontario**

Attached is a copy of the notice regarding the intent to designate including the last date to appeal. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Mariana Iglesias, MCIP, RPP, CAHP

Encl.

*Copy: Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide St. E., Toronto ON M5C 1J3*

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE  
PROPERTY UNDER SECTION 29 (PART IV)  
OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,  
R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the property municipally known as 45 Colborne Street, Plan 181, Lot 1, Pt Lot 2 (see key map below), as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, (c.O.18, Sec. 29).

**Cultural Heritage Value:**

The cultural heritage value of 45 Colborne Street lies in its design value, its historical value, and its contextual value.

The dwelling on the property is significant as a representative example of a pre-Confederation dwelling constructed in the Ontario vernacular cottage style with an L-shaped plan with a high degree of craftsmanship and unique detailing. While the exact year of construction is unknown, it is likely that the house was constructed around 1856 by Donald McDonald, who purchased Lot 1 on the west side of Melville Street, in October of 1855. The dwelling is representative of an early construction material as it is made of soft red brick that was locally manufactured, contributing to the narrative of Elora's built heritage prior to the arrival of the railway and imported building materials. Of note is the brick addition at the back of the house, constructed circa 1875, which was built for Dr. William Savage as a surgery and infirmary for his medical practice. This is the only known example in Elora of a medical infirmary.

The property is significant for its association with many prominent citizens linked to Elora's early establishment, including Dr. William Savage, the first university trained doctor in Elora who held a practice in the house. The house functioned as a medical office with many boarders while Dr. Savage also pursued his hobby of gardening on the property. Dr. Savage continued to practice out of this location until 1893, when he sold his practice to James M. Narin, another local physician who practiced at the site until 1914. Therefore, the property has associations with the early medical profession in Elora. It is also associated with the growth and expansion of the village in the mid-19th century and the increase in the standard of living and general medical care in the village.

The property is located at the south west corner of Colborne Street and Melville Street in Elora, two blocks east of the main commercial core of the village. This historic residential section of the village is organized in a grid pattern. While the house at 45 Colborne is of simple design, it is significant because it contributes to and reinforces the character of the street and this prominent corner. The age of the home is congruent with the early development of Elora in the mid-1800s. The subject site is also surrounded by a number of other homes built within the mid to late 1800s and reinforces the broader architectural character of Elora.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

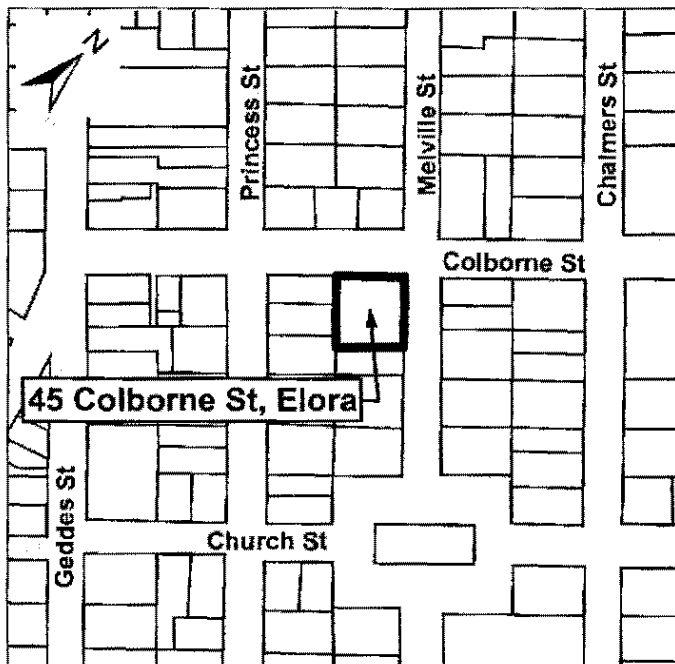
- Height, scale, and massing of the original 1 ½ storey building circa 1856, as well as the 2-storey 1875 addition of the infirmary/surgery
- The pitch and overhang of the roof, including the front dormer, and gabled ends
- The monochromatic raised brick work along the front facade of the 1856 house, with wood drip-molds above the windows and upper door
- The fenestration pattern and simple brick flat arch detail above the windows on the 1856 and 1875 portions of the building, (includes the size, shape, and location of current windows and doors)
- The wood bay window, including the cornice brackets, side lites and wood door
- The soft red brick, with its Flemish bond pattern on the 1856 portion and running bond pattern on the infirmary
- The wood portico, now located at the back entrance of the house (on the 1875 portion)

#### Interior attributes:

- The large wooden pocket doors to the left and right of the front (Colborne Street) foyer
- The primary wooden staircase, which has been recently restored

For further information with respect to the proposed designation please contact Mariana Iglesias, Senior Planner, at (519) 846-9691, Ext. 289.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Centre Wellington on or before the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.



Dated at the Township of Centre Wellington this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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